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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Stephen S. Miller, et al.
Serial No. : 09/269,587
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For : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
EFFECTING CORRESPONDENT-
CENTRIC ELECTRONIC MAIL

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NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL
(37 C.F.R. § 10.40 & M.P.E.P. § 402.06)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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The undersigned submits this Notice of Withdrawal in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §10.40 and M.P.E.P. §402.06. Permission to withdraw is set forth below.

The undersigned, representing Applicant in the prosecution of this application, delegated the prosecution of the application to an attorney in his employ, Joseph Levy, who contracted this matter from the Applicant. Joseph Levy is no longer in the employ of the undersigned and, upon his departure, he took the prosecution history of this application with him.

Given the fact that that prosecution history of the application is not in the undersigned's possession, it is not possible for the undersigned to respond to the outstanding action.

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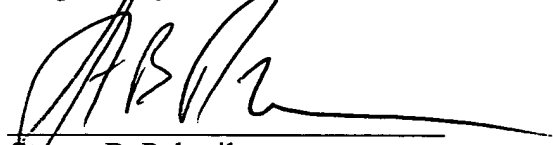
To avoid prejudice to Applicant's rights, this Notice of Withdrawal is being filed two months before the shortened statutory due date for response to the Office Action, January 15, 2002, and five months before the non-extendable deadline for response thereto, April 15, 2002. Thus, there will be sufficient time for the attorney familiar with this application to study the prosecution history of the application and respond to the outstanding Office Action.

A copy of this Notice of Withdrawal, together with the Office Action dated October 16, 2001, is being sent via first class mail to the first- named inventor who is a principle of the Applicant at his last know address. Since the undersigned is not certain that this address is accurate, a copy is also being sent to the Mr. Levy, at his last known home address.

This Notice of Withdrawal is made on behalf of all of the attorneys of record in this application.

Prompt and favorable consideration and approval of this Notice of Withdrawal are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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